measures for abatement of pollution from all sources. The State Governments have been requested to implement the Policy.

A number of measures are under implementation for improvement of the urban environment. These include the following:

(i) As a follow-up of the Ganga action Plan, A National River Action Plan to clean 37 of the most polluted stretches of rivers in the country has been finalised. A National River conservation Directorate has been set up under the Ministry of Environment and Forests to assist the State Governments to augment the sewage treatment facilities of municipalites covering these stretches.

(ii) The Ministry of Health has constituted a National Technology Mission and a sub-group, for making recommendations on the management of urban solid wastes.

(iii) A National Waste Management Council has been constituted under the chairmanship of the Minister for Environment and Forests. financial assistance has been provided to State Governments of 17 cities for conducting surveys on urban municipal wastes.

(iv) Waste management has been included as one of the themes for the National Environmental Awareness Campaign.

(v) Studies have been initiated on the critical sectors such as water supply and treatment, sewerage and sanitation, urban air pollution and solid waste management, with a view to developing strategies for improvement of urban environment.

(vi) A Technology Mission on Flyash has been set up under the Ministry of Science and Technology. Special emphasis has been laid on promoting the use of flyash in various fields and the State Governments have been asked to prepare a perspective action plan for utilisation of flyash by the turn of the century. Fiscal concessions are given for manufacturing bricks out of flyash.

(vii) Master Plans for development of major cities have been prepared. State Governments are advised to incorporate in their plans, the long-term requirements of city transportation.

(viii) Standards for emissions from vehicles at the manufacturing stage are being made progressively stricter. A programme for introducing unleaded petrol and catalytic converter-fitted vehicles has been launched. A programme for introduction of very low-emission vehicles and cleaner fuels by the turn of the century has been prepared.

(ix) Financial assistance is given for training programmes for personnel of the Transport Departments of various States. Programmes are organised on methods of inspection and calibration of testing of emissions from on-road vehicles.

राष्ट्रीय राजमार्गों को चार लेनों में बदलना

1673. **श्री रामजीलाल:** क्या **जल-भूतल परिवहन** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) चालू पंचवर्षीय योजना के अंत तक किन-किन राष्ट्रीय राजमार्गों को चार लेनों में बदलने का विचार है और हरियाणा में ऐसे राष्ट्रीय राजमार्गों के नाम क्या-क्या हैं;

(ख) क्या सरकार दिल्ली, रोहतक, हिसार व सिरसा राजमार्ग को भी चार लेनों में बदलने का विचार रखती है;

(ग) यदि हां, तो इसके लिए चालू वर्ष में कितनी धनराशि आवंटित की गई है; और

(घ) इसे जल्दी से पूरा करने के लिए सरकार कया कार्रवाई कर रही है?

जल-भूतल परिवहन मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री एम० राजशेखर मूर्ति): (क) 8वीं पंच वर्षीय योजना (1992-97) में हरियाणा में रा० रा० सं० 8 और 10 पर 107 कि० मी० लम्बाई सहित विभिन्न राज्यों से गुजरने वाले रा० रा० सं० 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8सी०, 10, 24 और 37 पर कुल लगभग 655 कि० मी० की लम्बाई में 4 लेन बनाने का प्रावधान है।

(ख) से (घ) राष्ट्रीय राजधानी क्षेत्र दिल्ली (29.71 कि० मी०) से गुजरने वाले रा०रा० सं० 10 के रूप में ज्ञात दिल्ली-रोहतक-हिसार-सिरसा राजमार्ग खंड पर पहले ही 4 लेन हैं। बहादुर गढ़-रोहतक खंड (35 से71 कि० मी०) को 8वीं पंचवर्षीय योजना के दौरान चौड़ा करके 4 लेन बनाने का प्रस्ताव है और चालू वित्त वर्ष 1995-96 के दौरान 5.00 करोड़ रु० की अनुमानित लागत से भूमि अधिग्रहण करने के लिए योजनागत प्रावधान है। इस परियोजना के लिए भूमि अधिग्रहण के प्राक्कलन को अभी स्वीकृत किया जाना है।

Government's Reaction to the Former US Secretary's statement on Arms Sale to Pakistan

1674. SHRI G. PRATHAPA REDDY:
SHRI T. VENKATRAM REDDY:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item captioned "Pressler alleges arms sale to Pakistan" which appeared in the Statesman dated the 10th July, 1995; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) US Government arms supplies to Pakistan and taken place on a large scale after the introduction of the Pressler Amendment to the Foreign Assistance Act in 1985 on the basis of US Presidential certifications that Pakistan did not possess a nuclear explosive device. Government are not aware of sales by the US Government to Pakistan of military equipment since October 1990, when US Government military and economic assistance to Pakistan ceased under the provisions of the Pressler Amendment, following the US President's inability to certify that Pakistan did not possess a nuclear explosive device. Commercial sales, at a non-government level, however, do not fall within the purview of the Pressler Amendment.

Government remain committed to take al steps required to safeguard India's security.

Population of Vehicles in Major Cities

1675. SHRI R. MARGABANDU: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the vehicle population at present in Madras, Delhi, Calcutta, Bombay and Bangalore;

(b) whether this increase is on the high side in Delhi;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether Government propose to weedout the old vehicles after a certain number of years as is done in developed countries; and

(e) if so, the steps taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI M. RAJASEKARA MURTHY): (a) The information regarding registered motor vehicles as on 31.3.94 is as under :—

Madras	—	689143
Delhi	—	2230003
Calcutta	—	544757
Bombay	—	608296
Bangalore	—	716473

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. The rapid increase in the vehicle population in Delhi can be attributed to the increase in population and economic prosperity creating demand of transportation.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.